DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA)

Administrative Enforcement: Issuance of Complaints and Signing of Consent Agreements

1. AUTHORITY. To file administrative complaints against alleged violators of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the purpose of proposing civil penalties as provided in the TSCA; and to negotiate and sign consent agreements memorializing settlements between the Agency and respondents.

2. TO WHOM REDELEGATED.

- a. The authority to file complaints and to sign consent agreements is redelegated to the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, or equivalent.
- b. The authority to negotiate consent agreements is redelegated through the Regional Counsel to attorneys in the Office of Regional Counsel.

3. LIMITATIONS.

- a. Regional officials must consult with the AA for OECA or designee before exercising any of the above authorities unless the AA for OECA waives this requirement.
- b. The Regional Counsel or their designees will conduct all negotiations.
- c. The regional official who signs the administrative complaint should sign the consent agreement for the same matter.
- d. The AA for OECA may exercise these authorities in multi-Regional cases or cases of national significance. In addition, the AA for OECA must consult in advance with the AA for OCSPP or his/her designee and must notify any affected regional officials when exercising any of the above authorities. In addition, the AA for OECA or his/her designee will conduct all negotiations.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. The authority in 1.a. may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and no further.
- b. The authority in 1.b. may be redelegated to staff attorneys in the Office of Regional Counsel.
- c. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
- 5. SUPERSESSION. This delegation supersedes R10 12-2-A (08/02/2016) and any other delegation of the same authority.

6. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Sections 15 and 16 of the TSCA.
- b. EPA Delegation 12-2-A.

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